

Question on Notice

No. 223

Asked on 17 March 2022

MR L MILLAR ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Queensland Government's regulated bus routes in western Queensland no longer providing a service on Mondays—

Will the Minister advise what assistance western Queensland boarding school students will receive to travel home for Easter and return to their schools for the Tuesday morning commencement of Term Two?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Gregory for the question.

While there have been minor changes to the frequency levels and days of operation on the long-distance coach network, I can confirm that boarding school students were able to travel home for the Easter holidays and return to schools for the commencement of Term Two on scheduled services. An alternative bus service was offered on Friday 1 April 2022 by the Whitsunday Anglican School for its students servicing Moranbah, Clermont, Eton, and Nebo.

Six subsidised and contracted scheduled services were available for students to return to schools in time for the start of Term Two on 19 April 2022.

Inbound service (home to school)

Route	Origin	Destination	Departure	Arrival	Departure Date	Change/no change
Mount Isa – Brisbane	Mount Isa	Brisbane	7.30	10.50 next day	Sunday 17 April 2022 (Arrived Monday 18 April 2022)	Time change (previous departure time 6.50)
Charleville – Brisbane	Charleville	Brisbane	6.50	18.30	Monday 18 April 2022	Time change (previous departure time 7.00)
Rockhampton – Toowoomba	Rockhampton	Miles	6.00	16.15	Monday 18 April 2022	Time change (previous departure time 6.30)
Emerald – Rockhampton	Emerald	Rockhampton	5.30	9.15	Monday 18 April 2022	No change
Longreach – Rockhampton*	Longreach	Rockhampton	8.00	17.30	Monday 18 April 2022	Special service in place for return to school* (see comments below)
Emerald – Mackay	Emerald	Mackay	5.45	11.30	Monday 18 April 2022	Time change (previous departure time 5.15)

* The Department of Transport and Main Roads has negotiated with Greyhound to adjust the Longreach – Rockhampton service timetable, which normally operates on Wednesday and Sunday. This commenced operations on Monday 18 April 2022 to enable a return to school.